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To Whom It May Concern

There is supplemental information concerning the closing of the Yantic, CT post office I want to include in my discussion and request to have this determination reversed.

The Postal Service reports that there are no businesses in the area of Yantic Post Office. This is not accurate. There are multiple businesses in the surrounding area. The Stanley Israelite Business Park located .70 miles from the Yantic Post Office has 45 businesses with 1924 employees as well as 293 housing units. It appears that these businesses and their close proximity to the Yantic Post office were not evaluated. Lazizah Bakery is directly next door. US Foods is .99 miles from the Yantic Post Office and employs 400 people.

There was also a discussion about moving the postal patrons to the Bozrah Post Office which is 1.66 miles. There was community input into this move, however, following this plan and public input, it was decided that the move should be to Norwich Post Office on Main Street which is 6.14 miles from Yantic. The postal service did not give patrons an opportunity to discuss this planned move to Main Street Norwich. As these mileage numbers indicate, the Norwich Post Office is more than 2 miles from Yantic.

Yantic Post Office offered its patrons free mail boxes. The plan to move the 250 mail boxes utilized at Yantic to Bozrah was not possible as Bozrah has only 50 available boxes. Cluster boxes were made available at a site down the road and some patrons were offered rural delivery. But for the patrons that wanted to use the boxes, they were charged for the boxes and as stated above, there are not enough boxes to accommodate the Yantic patrons.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mayor Deberey Hinchey

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